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Subject: Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Project
Submissions DD 3/23/2004

Proposals for FY 2006 LWCF Projects are due on March 23, 2004. The submission formats are attached. We look forward to receiving proposals from each of you for additional funding in FY 2006.

Stagnant levels of LWCF appropriations are expected to continue for the foreseeable future. Submissions are limited to any unit of the National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS) including: National Conservation Areas, National Historic and Scenic Trails, National Monuments, National Wild and Scenic Rivers, and Wilderness (due to their "interim" status Wilderness Study Areas are not eligible for consideration). In addition to listed NLCS units, two BLM planning designations, areas of critical environmental concern and special recreation management areas are eligible for submission. Submissions should be compelling and must clearly explain to external and internal parties why the purchase is essential and the consequences, if the property is not purchased.

All project submissions will include the following:

- The name and date of the approved land-use plan the project is in compliance with.
- Verification that identified parcels are available from a willing seller(s).
- Confirmation that land exchange or purchase of conservation easement has been considered as an alternative to fee purchase.

- Disclosure of involvement of third party conservation groups monetarily involved in the proposed purchase.

All FY 2006 LWCF proposals will be submitted electronically. Please prepare your FY 2006 LWCF submission, as outlined in the attached guidelines, and forward one hard copy of your submission to Jeanette Espinosa, Realty Specialist, NM (923).

If you need additional information or have submission questions, please contact Jeanette Espinosa at (505) 438-7597.

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1 Attachment:

1 - Land and Water Conservation Fund FY 2006
Submission Guidelines (9 pp)

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